NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

# GEN42/DEN42 — SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Mention the theme of the Sonnet 12.

2. Who is the Governor of Messina and Hero's father in *Much Ado About Nothing*?

3. Which city is Othello's army defending at the start of the play?

4. Who is Desdemona's father?

5. Which city is Coriolanus associated with?

6. Who helps Coriolanus negotiate peace between Rome and the Volscians?

7. Which character is known for his comic relief and boisterous behaviour in *Henry IV, Part I*?

8. What is the relationship between Hotspur and the Earl of Northumberland?

9. According to Wilson Knight, what kind of evil is found in Macbeth?

10. Which other Shakespeare play does Knight compare to *Macbeth* in terms of imaginative profundity?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Analyse the theme of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 65".

Or

(b) Write an appreciation of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 130".

12. (a) What role does Iago play in Othello's downfall?

Or

(b) How does Othello's racial identity affect his status and relationships?

13. (a) How does Coriolanus' pride affect his interactions with the Roman citizens?

Or

(b) Describe the relationship between Coriolanus and his mother, Volumnia.



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14. (a) How does Prince Hal prove himself during the Battle of Shrewsbury?

Or

(b) What role does honour play in the actions and motivations of Hotspur?

15. (a) Write a note on Greenbaltt's statement on Prince Hall.

Or

(b) What does Loomba state about Sycorax?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Explore the themes in *The Winter's Tale*.

17. Discuss the theme of jealousy in *Othello*.

18. Analyse the transformation of Coriolanus' character from a Roman hero to a traitor.

19. Examine the role of Falstaff as a foil to Prince Hal.

20. Summarise A.C. Bradley's views on Shakespearean tragedies.

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